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FOR EUR/SE AND AID/NESA

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SUBJ: GOM REQUESTFOR DREDGE AND TUG

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- 1. GOM MOST APPRECIATIVE OF SUGGESTED ARRANGEMENTS FOR INSPECTION OF DREDGE AND TUG.
- 2. GOM INSPECTION TEAM, REPRESENTING PRIME MINISTER MINTOFF'S OFFICE, WILL ARRIVE WASHINGTON, D.C., VIA PAN AMERICAN FLIGHT 107 AT 1415 HOURS ON TUESDAY DECEMBER 3. TEAM WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH EUR/SE AND AID/NESA ON MORNING OF DECEMBER 4 FOR GENERAL DISCUSSIONS BEFORE PROCEEDING TO HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA, THAT AFTERNOON.
- 3. GOM TEAM WILL CONSIST OF JOHN BONNICI, CONSULTANT TO PRIME MINISTER ON EXCESS PROPERTY MATTERS; SAVIOUR BRINCAT AND SPIRO AQUILINA BOTH OFFICIALS OF MALTA DRYDOCKS CORPORATION.
- 4. EUR/SE IS REQUESTED TO COORDINATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR TEAM WITH EMBASSY OF MALTA AND INFORM EMBASSY OF FLIGHT ARRIVAL SCHEDULE. EMBASSY SHOULD MAKE ONWARD FLIGHT RESERVATIONS FROM WASHINGTON TO HARRISBURG FOR GOM TEAM.
- 5. COMMENT: JOHN BONNICI HAS JUST RETURNED FROM GERMANY WHERE HE ASSISTED AID CONSULTANT GEORGE ROBERTS IN SELECTING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EQUIPMENT FOR MALTA UNDER USG-GOM EXCESS PROPERTY AGREEMENT.

STATE AND AID MAY WISH TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF BONNICI'S PRESENCE IN WASHINTON TO DISCUSS COMPLTION OF THIS AGREEMENT (WHICH EXPIRES DECEMBER 31, 1974) WITH HIM, IN ADDITION TO SUBJECT OF DREDGE AND TUG. SMITH

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